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Argentina

TERRORISTS TARGET US CITIZENS

Terrorist groups in Argentina may be planning further abductions of US citizens following the killing last week of the US honorary consul in Cordoba. The incident has caused President Peron's government acute embarrassment since it points up the inability of security forces to retard the high incidence of violence even under the provisions of a state of siege.

[redacted] the consul's abduction was the beginning of a campaign against US citizens to force the government to treat captured leftists more humanely. A press dispatch has also reported that leaflets distributed by the consul's kidnapers stated that their victim was "the first on a long list of servants of imperialism in Argentina" who will have to "render accounts."

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The Peronist government might have been able to produce one of the four prisoners the guerrillas had demanded in return for the consul's safety. Two others reportedly were dead, and the third had undergone such harsh treatment during interrogation [redacted]

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So far the government has failed to explain to the US ambassador's satisfaction why bodyguards assigned to protect the consul were removed a few days before he was kidnaped. Questions have also been officially raised as to why the government refused to try to ransom the consul but subsequently acceded to terrorist demands in order to secure the release of the chief justice of the Buenos Aires provincial supreme court.

Additional attacks against US citizens would further complicate US-Argentine relations. Diplomatic personnel within the embassy have already been reduced from around 200 to 90, and no one is currently assigned outside of Buenos Aires. [redacted]

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